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SUBJECT: GOI PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER

1. BAIJAL, JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, CALLED IN ECONOMIC COUNSELOR JUNE 1, REGARDING GOI WISH TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS OF FERTILIZER FOR DELIVERY IN FY 75. BAIJAL STATED THAT INDIAN SUPPLY MISSION IN WASHINGTON HAD REPORTED THAT GOI COULD NOT PRESENTLY GO INTO COMMERCIAL MARKET SINCE IT WAS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN AID'S GLOBAL TENDER FOR FERTILIZER. BAIJAL WAS AWARE OF THE NATURE

OF AID'S FERTILIZER PROGRAM (SEE STAT'S 99316) AND ASKED WHETHER USG HAD INDEED REVERSED ITS POSITION AND HAD INCLUDED INDIA IN THE TENDER.

2. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH CHANGE IN POLICY AND IF INDIA WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE TENDER IT WAS OF COURSE FREE TO PURCHASE ON THE COMMERCIAL MARKET.

3. IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD QUERY WASHINGTON AND THE CORRECT INFORMATION WOULD BE PASSED ON TO THE INDIAN SUPPLY MISSION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM US WHETHER INDIA HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FERTILIZER TENDER. IF NOT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE

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IT IF THIS INFORMATION WERE PASSED ON TO THE INDIAN SUPPLY

MISSION AND IT MADE CLEAR THAT THE GOI WAS FREE TO INITIATE
COMMERCIAL PURCHASES.

5. FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION IT WULD BE APPRIECIATED IF AID COULD
GIVE US A BREAK DOWN OF THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF 350 THOUSAND
TONS AMONG THE FIVE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.
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